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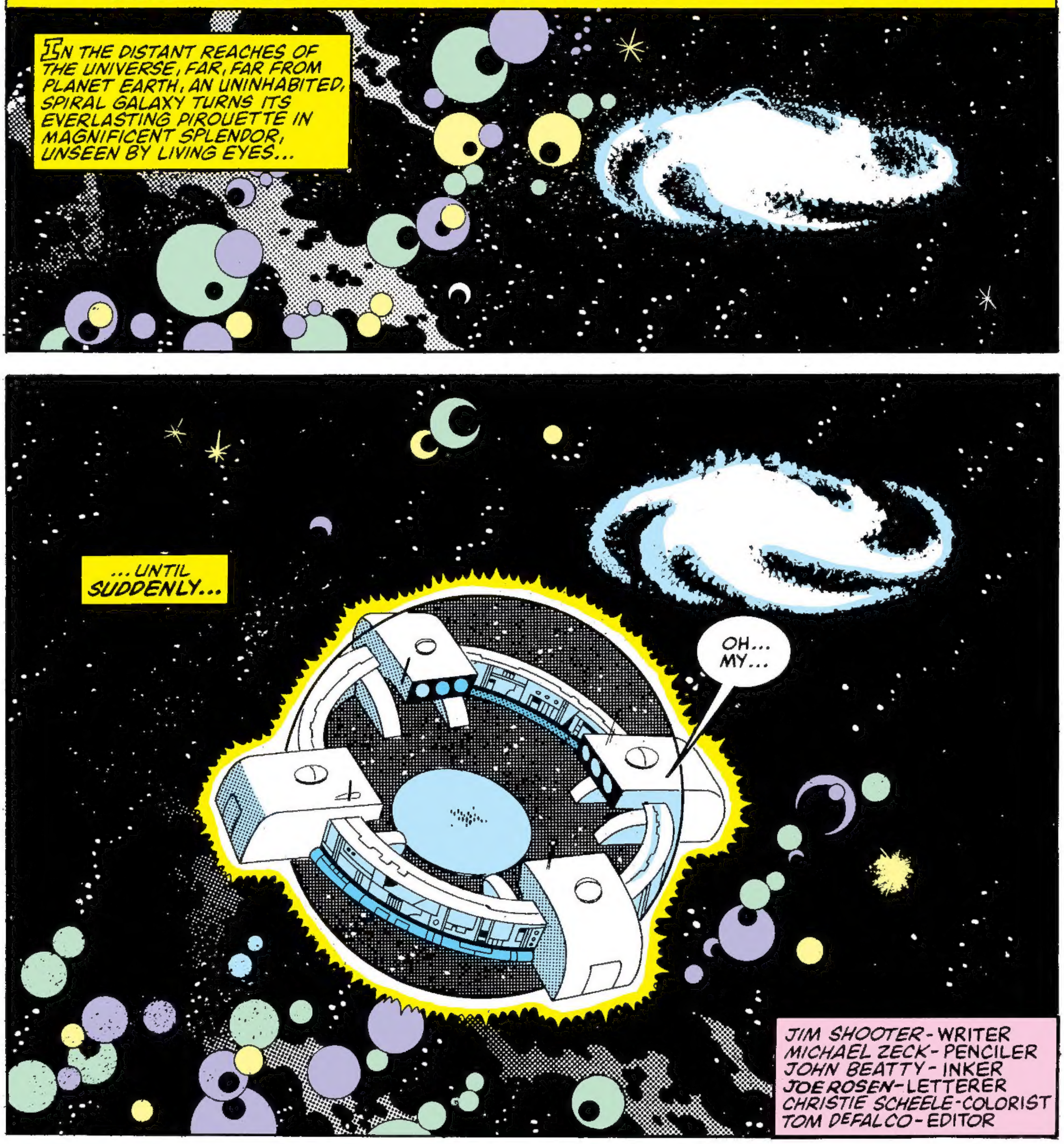
IN THE DISTANT REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE, FAR, FAR FROM PLANET EARTH, AN UNINHABITED, SPIRAL GALAXY TURNS ITS EVERLASTING PIROUETTE IN MAGNIFICENT SPLENDOR, UNSEEN BY LIVING EYES...
...UNTIL SUDDENLY...
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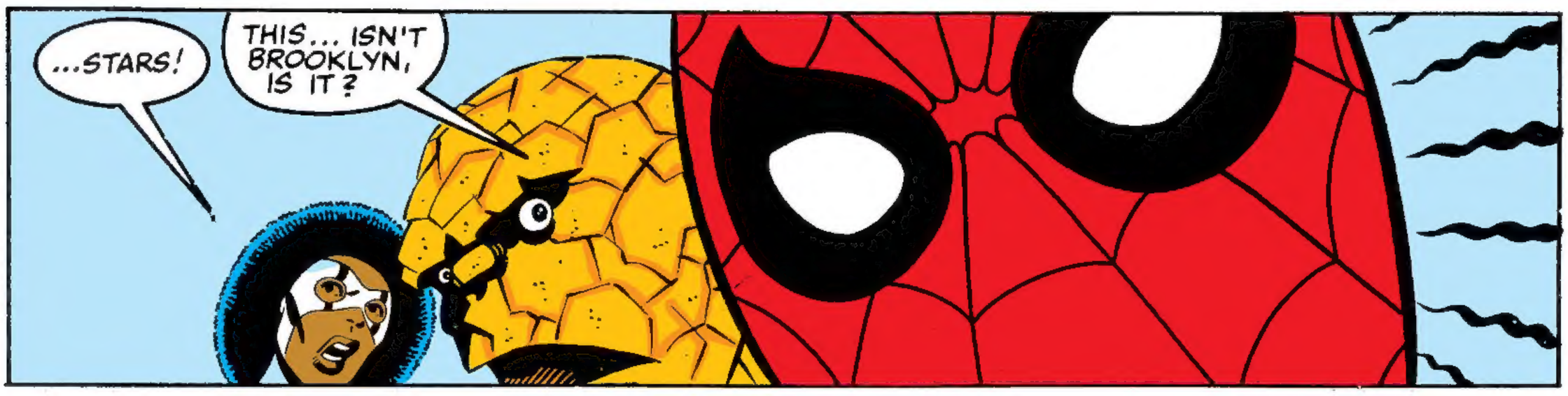

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THE W.A.R.O BEGINS

H-HOW'D WE GET *HERE*? I MEAN, ONE MINUTE WE'RE CHECKING OUT THIS GIANT WHATCHAMA-CALLIT IN CENTRAL PARK, THEN ÷POOF÷ THE FINAL FRONTIER!

THIS MUCH I CAN TELL YOU, *CAPTAIN MARVEL*-- THIS DEVICE APPARENTLY CAUSED SUB-ATOMIC PARTICLE DISSOCIATION, REDUCING US, AS WE ENTERED, TO PROTO-MATTER, WHICH IT STORED--

--UNTIL IT TELEPORTED US HERE, TO PRE-SET COORDINATES IN SPACE, WHERE IT REASSEMBLED US INSIDE A SELF-GENERATED LIFE-SUPPORT ENVIRONMENT!

THAT'S OBVIOUS, RICHARDS!

OBVIOUS? WHAT'D HE *SAY*?

JUST HANG OUT, *IRON MAN*! REED WILL GET TIRED OF TALKING IN FIVE-DOLLAR WORDS IN A MINUTE, AND THEN HE'LL EXPLAIN IN ENGLISH!

THEN HE'LL EXPLAIN IT AGAIN TO THE *THING* IN ONE-SYLLABLE WORDS!

HEY, *TORCH*-- WHY DON'TCHA JUST SHUT UP AND LOOK AWESTRUCK LIKE THE REST OF US?

ACH NEIN! ZEIN! WHERE-- WHERE *ARE* WE?

I SUGGEST THAT FIRST WE FIND OUT SOMETHING *EASIER*-- LIKE WHO ALL IS HERE!

I'LL START! EVERYBODY KNOWS US, BECAUSE WE'RE THE MIGHTY *AVENGERS*, AND WE'RE FAMOUS! BUT, JUST IN CASE, I'M THE *WASP*, AND WITH ME ARE THE *SHE-HULK*, *CAPTAIN MARVEL*, *CAPTAIN AMERICA*, *THOR*, *HAWKEYE*, AND *IRON MAN*, WHO'S REALLY ON LEAVE, BUT IS WITH US ANYWAY!

I AM *PROFESSOR X*, THESE ARE MY *X-MEN*-- *STORM*, *NIGHTCRAWLER*, *ROGUE*, *CYCLOPS*, *WOLVERINE*, AND *COLOSSUS*!

AND *LOCKHEED*, THE DRAGON!

I AM, OF COURSE, THE *HULK*!

YOUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD *SPIDER-MAN* AT YOUR SERVICE!

WE'RE THE *FANTASTIC FOUR* MINUS SUZIE-- THE *INVISIBLE GIRL* TO YOU! STRETCHO CALLS HIMSELF *MISTER FANTASTIC*, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT! THIS CRUMB'S THE *HUMAN TORCH*...

...AND I'M THE EASTER BUNNY!

HEADS UP! LOOK! AT FOUR O'CLOCK HIGH!

ANOTHER CONSTRUCT! BUT WHO'S IN THAT ONE?

PROFESSOR X--!

I SENSE YOUR REQUEST, REED RICHARDS! I AM ALREADY MENTALLY SCANNING--! IN A MOMENT I'LL TELL YOU EXACTLY WHO THE NEW ARRIVALS ARE--

--THOUGH THE AURA OF *EVIL* WITHIN THAT CONSTRUCT MAKES MENTAL PROBING ALMOST PAINFUL.

BY FAFNIR'S TEETH!

WHERE *ARE* WE? WHAT HAPPENED?

WHO CARES? I WUZ IN PRISON-- NOW I'M OUT...WITH MY BALL AND CHAIN IN MY MITTS!

SOMEONE... OR SOMETHING HAS SPIRITED US ACROSS THE UNIVERSE--THE ASGARDIAN *ENCHANTRESS*... *ULTRON*... THE *ABSORBING MAN*... THE *WRECKER* AND HIS *WRECKING CREW*--*THUNDERBALL*, *PILEDRIVER*, AND *BULLDOZER*... MY FUTURE-EARTH COUNTERPART, *KANG*... THE PLANET-DEVOURING *GALACTUS*, THE *LIZARD*, THE *MOLECULE MAN* AND *DR. OCTOPUS*...

AN INTRIGUING SELECTION OF MOST DANGEROUS INDIVIDUALS... AND NONE MORE SO THAN I, *DOCTOR DOOM!*

ACROSS THE VOID, MY BUILT-IN SENSORS DETECT A SECOND CAPSULE LIKE THIS ONE--AND IN IT A BAND OF THOSE WHO THINK THEMSELVES *HEROES!*

INTERESTING... A GATHERING OF FORCES... AS IF FOR *WAR!*

MEANWHILE...

...SO WE GOT A WHO'S WHO OF BAD GUYS OVER THERE, HUH?

WELL, THEN WHAT'S THIS SLIME-BALL *MAGNETO* DOIN' *HERE?* BESIDES, SLINKIN' AROUND IN THE BACKGROUND, THAT IS...

A GOOD QUESTION! WHAT ABOUT IT, MURDERER?

I AM MANY THINGS... A MUTANT... MASTER OF MAGNETISM... AND AN AVOWED ENEMY OF HUMANKIND... BUT A MURDERER? A SLAYER OF INNOCENTS? NEVER! I FIGHT IN DEFENSE OF MY RACE! MY CAUSE IS JUST--THOUGH EVEN THE X-MEN, WHO LIKE ME ARE *HOMO SUPERIOR*, STUPIDLY FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THAT!

I KNOW NOT WHAT POWER TRANSPORTED ME HERE FROM MY SECRET LAIR, NOR WHY I WAS PLACED AMONG YOU--

--BUT I FIND IT MORE APPROPRIATE TO ASK WHY SUCH AS YOU WERE JUDGED FIT TO BE PLACED IN *MY* PRESENCE!

CAREFUL, MAGNETO! YOUR ARROGANCE MAY BE YOUR UNDOING!

WAIT! SOMETHING IS *HAPPENING*--!

LOOK! *LOOK!*

THE *STARS*--!

THAT-- THAT ENTIRE GALAXY--!

IT'S BEING *DESTROYED!*

IT'S GONE! *GONE--!*

SWEPT AWAY... LIKE DUST BEFORE SOME UNSEEN, GIANT HAND!

UNBELIEVABLE...

WE'RE MOVING--! AT FANTASTIC SPEED!

UP AHEAD! A-- A *PLANET* IS BEING FORMED NEAR THAT STAR--!

THE ONLY STAR REMAINING FROM THAT ENTIRE GALAXY!

AWE-INSPIRING... HUMBLING ...FEATS DWARFING THE WILDEST IMAGININGS OF THE GODS!

THE POWER NECESSARY... IT'S INCALCU-LABLE...IN-CONCEIVABLE!

OAF! WATCH WHO YOU'RE JOSTLING, OR, I, *DOCTOR OCTOPUS*, WILL--

HEY, I'M *SORRY*, BUTT-HEAD! I, CRUSHER CREEL, THE *ABSORBIN' MAN* WUZ WATCHIN' THE SHOW OUTSIDE! THAT'S KEEPIN' ME REAL BUSY RIGHT NOW, BUT WHEN IT'S DONE I'LL RAM YOU THROUGH A BULKHEAD SO'S YOU AND YOUR STUPID TENTACLES WON'T BE UNDERFOOT NO MORE!

WHY YOU-- AHHH!

UFF!

I AM ULTRON! I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE EVENTS TRANSPIRING! I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW I CAME TO BE RESURRECTED... NOR HOW I CAME TO BE HERE! NOTHING COMPUTES...

INSIGNIFICANT! I AM ULTRON! MY PURPOSE IS TO SLAY THAT WHICH LIVES. YOU ARE ALL LIVING THINGS, ERGO--

--ULTRON MUST DESTROY YOU!

TAKE COVER!

YEAH? WHERE?!

HAW! NO RAYS CAN HURT THE ABSORBIN' MAN! I ABSORB THE PROPERTIES OF WHATEVER I TOUCH, SO IT JUST MAKES ME AS STRONG AS IT IS!

CREEL IS SAFE! THE OTHERS, MYSELF INCLUDED, ARE NOT SO LUCKY! ULTRON IS MADE OF ADAMANTIUM, WHICH IS INDESTRUCTIBLE, AND HE IS ENERGIZED BY A FUSION REACTOR OF INCREDIBLE POWER! EVENTUALLY, HE MIGHT EVEN BATTER THROUGH MY PERSONAL FORCE-FIELD!

YOU, WHO CALL YOURSELF THE MOLECULE MAN! YOU HAVE THE POWER TO STOP ULTRON! YOU MUST--

NO! NO! I GAVE UP BEING THE MOLECULE MAN! I'M JUST PLAIN OWEN REECE NOW! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M DOING HERE! PLEASE LET ME FIND A PLACE TO HIDE!

LITTLE MAN, I HAVE *NEED* OF YOUR POWER TO CONTROL MOLECULES! ONLY YOU... AND, PERHAPS, GALACTUS CAN DESTROY ULTRON! GALACTUS IS OBLIVIOUS TO OUR FATE! YOU *MUST*--

NO! I'M TRYING TO BE *GOOD!* MY THERAPIST SAYS I MUSTN'T HURT ANYONE!

VERY WELL, THEN... DO JUST THIS--!

AND...

IS *THAT* ALL? WELL, I GUESS JUST THROWING THE ROBOT AT THE BIG GUY IS ALL RIGHT!

IT'S EASY! ALL MOLECULES OBEY MY EVERY WHIM!

LOOK! HE *NOTICED*--!

WHAT'S THIS? I'M BEING LEVITATED... HOISTED ALOFT BY THIS ONE!

IT MATTERS NOT! MY ADAMANTIUM BODY CANNOT BE HARMED-- AND THIS GIANT IS BUT ONE MORE LIVING CREATURE TO SLAY!

PERHAPS ULTRON WILL SLAY YOU LESS EFFICIENTLY, MORE *SLOWLY*, FOR THIS INDIGNITY, ORGANISM!

PERHAPS ULTRON...
÷RAAARRK÷

HOLY--! HE SUCKED THE ENERGY OUT THROUGH ULTRON'S MOUTH! SNUFFED HIM LIKE A *CANDLE!*

BUT...ULTRON CONTAINED MORE POWER THAN AN *H-BOMB!*

THAT IS ONE BAAD DUDE!

LOOK! HE'S JUST STARING AWAY AGAIN, AS IF WE WERE NOTHING --BENEATH HIS NOTICE!

HE JUST BARELY NOTICED ULTRON SLAMMING INTO HIM!

IT'S LIKE ULTRON WAS A GNAT TO HIM!

HEY! SOMETHING'S *HAPPENING* OUT THERE!

IT'S AS IF A RIFT WERE OPENING IN THE VOID OF SPACE ITSELF!

QUIET! LISTEN!

THE LIGHT--! IT MAKES THAT SUN SEEM DIM BY COMPARISON!

I AM FROM BEYOND!

SLAY YOUR ENEMIES AND ALL YOU DESIRE SHALL BE YOURS!

NOTHING YOU DREAM OF IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO ACCOMPLISH!

HE AIN'T LYIN'! I CAN TELL... I--I JUST *KNOW!* I CAN *FEEL* IT!

YOU! BEYONDER!

HEAR ME! HEAR *GALACTUS!*

I SENSE THAT YOU ARE TRULY A BEING FROM BEYOND THIS UNIVERSE--THIS *MULTIVERSE!* I SENSE THE ENERGIES YOU WIELD...AND I KNOW...I *KNOW*--!

YOU CAN TAKE FROM GALACTUS, DEVOURER OF WORLDS, HIS *HUNGER!* YOU CAN END HIS CEASELESS, MONSTROUS CRAVING FOR THE VERY ESSENCE OF LIVING WORLDS--!

LET IT BE DONE!

I WILL NOT WAIT! I WILL NOT LET SOME PETTY CHARADE DELAY MY RESPITE! THE TORMENT MUST END *NOW!*

HOLY--! HE SMASHED *OUT!* HE'S HEADING FOR THE RIFT!

HEY! DOOM! WHERE ARE *YOU* GOING?

MADE IT-- A SPLIT SECOND BEFORE THE PROTECTIVE FIELD AROUND THE CONSTRUCT SELF-SEALED! MY OWN FORCE-FIELD WILL PROTECT ME FROM THE VOID!

MY HIDDEN ROCKET BELT ENABLES ME TO FOLLOW IN GALACTUS'S WAKE! IF THERE IS POWER TO BE HAD, DOOM MUST HAVE IT!

HE HASN'T EVEN NOTICED ME! EXCELLENT! LET HIM CONFRONT THE BEYONDER! LET HIM DO BATTLE IF HE WILL, WHILE I, DOOM, LURK IN THE BACKGROUND READY TO SEIZE ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT PRESENTS ITSELF!

WHAT *SECRETS* I MIGHT LEARN--! WHAT *POWER* COULD BE MINE--!

STOP! YOU CANNOT APPROACH ME! THE BARRIERS WILL REPULSE YOU!

NO! I WILL NOT, I *MUST* NOT BE DENIED!

THE ENERGY ALL AROUND--! IT IS PALPABLE... SEETHING--! LIKE A THING ALIVE! I DARE NOT GO FARTHER! I CAN ONLY LET MY ARMOR'S COMPUTERS TRY TO *ANALYZE* THE ALIEN FORCES WHICH ENGULF ME IN HOPES OF GLEANING SOME VALUABLE SHRED OF KNOWLEDGE--

--AND HOPE GALACTUS CAN SHATTER THE BARRIERS AHEAD, SO I CAN FOLLOW...

BUT THEN...

THEY WERE SWATTED BACK LIKE FLIES!

TO THE BEYONDER, EVEN GALACTUS IS LESS THAN A FLY, CAPTAIN!

WE'RE MOVING AGAIN... AND SEPARATING! EACH CONSTRUCT SEEMS TO BE HEADING FOR A DIFFERENT PART OF THE SURFACE!

GOOD!

WHOA! SUDDENLY, WE'RE LANDSIDE!

BEAMED DOWN IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

BE READY FOR ANYTHING!

FORM A CIRCLE! I'VE GOT THE TWELVE O'CLOCK POSITION! I WANT AN AVENGER AT TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT AND TEN WITH EYES PEELED! *MOVE!* IRON MAN! KEEP YOUR *RADAR* WORKING!

GOOD AT GIVING ORDERS, AIN'T HE?

YES, HE IS! MAYBE THE *BEST!*

RICHARDS, CAN YOU--?

TAKE A LOOK FROM UP HERE? CERTAINLY!

NOT A VILLAIN IN SIGHT!

WHAT ARE YOU *TALKING* ABOUT? THERE'S ONE RIGHT *THERE!*

THE WASP'S *RIGHT!* MAGGIE SURE QUALIFIES!

FOOLS! WAS I NOT CHOSEN BY THE BEYONDER TO BE AMONG YOU?

NO MURDERER BELONGS ON OUR SIDE--! OR HAVE YOU JUST FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT SUBMARINE YOU SANK WITH ALL HANDS ABOARD?*

THEY FIRED UPON ME--! AN ACT OF WAR!

EXTREMISM IN DEFENSE OF ONE'S RACE IS NO EVIL! HUMANS ARE THE OPPRESSORS! MY KIND ARE THE PERSECUTED! THE VICTIMS! YET, YOU CHAMPION *THEIR* CAUSE! *YOU* BEAR THE SHAME OF THEIR DISHONOR!

*SEE X-MEN #150!

EVERYONE, HEAR ME! THIS IS NOT THE TIME OR PLACE TO TRY THIS MAN! HE HAS BEEN PLACED AMONG US--AND WE MAY *NEED* HIS POWER--!

NOBODY HAS HAD MORE RUN-INS WITH HIM THAN THE X-MEN! WE KNOW HIM BEST! WE DON'T APPROVE OF HIS METHODS, BUT--

YOU MUTANTS STICK TOGETHER, HUH? WELL, STICKING TO A BLOOD-SOAKED MANIAC LIKE HIM DOESN'T SPEAK WELL OF *YOU,* PAL!

HANDS *OFF,* HAWKEYE! CYCLOPS IS A JERK, BUT HE'S *OUR* JERK!

EASY, WOLVERINE! I CAN HANDLE MYSELF!

ENOUGH, ALREADY! EVERYBODY KNOWS HE'S A BAD GUY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, THEN THERE'LL BE ONE LESS TO WORRY ABOUT!

YOU DARE--?

I AM *HOMO SUPERIOR!* I STAND ABOVE YOU ALL, SAVE PERHAPS *THOR!*

HE ALONE AMONG YOU MAY BE MY EQUAL!

STOP! YOU HEARD THE PROFESSOR! THIS ISN'T THE TIME OR PLACE! FOR NOW, HE'S AN ALLY!

STUFF IT, BOY! YOUR OPTIC BLASTS ARE ZIP TO A LADY WHOSE WHOLE BODY TRANSFORMS INTO ENERGY!

THEY'RE NUTS!

YES! I'M INCLINED TO AGREE!

HULK, IT'S *WEIRD* HEARING YOU TALK SINCE YOU GOT BRUCE BANNER'S BRAIN--! BUT YOU AIN'T GETTIN' BY NO MATTER *WHOSE* BRAIN'S IN THERE!

BAH! I WILL NOT SEE MUTANT BLOOD SPILLED ON MY BEHALF! I *LEAVE* YOU!

HMM... MAGNETIC REPULSION! HE APPARENTLY CAN "RIDE" THE LINES OF FORCE OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD ENCIRCLING MOST WORLDS, INCLUDING THIS ONE!

HE'S FLYING!

HE'S GONE! NOW WHAT?

WE OBVIOUSLY NEED LEADERSHIP! RICHARDS--?

ARE YOU SUGGESTING ME--?

I--I DON'T THINK I CAN! BACK ON EARTH I HAVE A WIFE WHO'S EXPECTING...AND IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT I MAY NEVER SEE HER AGAIN! OR THE BABY...

I DON'T THINK YOU WANT A LEADER WHOSE THOUGHTS ARE A BILLION PARSECS AWAY! PERHAPS DOCTOR BANNER...

THE HULK? HEY, NO OFFENSE, DOC, BUT... IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO THAT YOU WERE A DUMB MONSTER, AND IT'S TOUGH TO SHAKE THAT MENTAL IMAGE!

I'D HAVE GUESSED AS MUCH! BAH! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GIVING ORDERS, ANYWAY! LET WINGHEAD DO IT! HE LIKES IT!

I'M THE LEADER OF THE AVENGERS... BUT...I'LL DEFER TO CAPTAIN AMERICA!

WHY, WASP?

BECAUSE WE'RE OFF IN A STRANGE LAND, UP TO OUR EARS IN A LITTLE SECRET WAR THAT MAY DECIDE THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE! SOME PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ME WELL! THEY MIGHT HAVE *DOUBTS*...AND THERE'S NO ROOM FOR THAT!

WHAT ABOUT *YOU*, PROFESSOR? YOU READ MINDS! THAT COULD COME IN HANDY!

I'M ALSO GOOD AT READING HEARTS--NO MAN IN EXISTENCE EQUALS YOUR COURAGE, CAPTAIN AMERICA!

WAIT A MINUTE! HE'S THE *LEAST* OF US! HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING! I WON'T FOLLOW HIM--!

I WILL!

I AM A PRINCE OF THE GODS! I DO NOT PLEDGE MY ALLEGIANCE TO MANY OF MORTAL STATURE! THIS MAN I WILL FOLLOW THROUGH THE GATES OF HADES!

SOUNDS LIKE IT'S SETTLED!

MEANWHILE, FAR AWAY...

I... LIVE!

AS DOES GALACTUS! BUT HE IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS!

SUCH POWER--! POWER BEYOND ALL IN *EXISTENCE* IN OUR UNIVERSE!

A FORTRESS IN THE DISTANCE--PROVIDED, NO DOUBT BY THE BEYONDER! THAT'S WHERE THE OTHERS WILL BE!

MUST TALK TO THEM... CONVINCE THEM...

...WE MUST NOT PLAY THIS GAME! WE MUST NOT FIGHT!

SOON, INSIDE THE CITADEL...

THE WEAPONRY WITHIN THIS FORTRESS IS... INCREDIBLE!

LOOK! DOOM'S HERE!

DOOM! WE WERE HOPING YOU SURVIVED! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO SHOW!

WE'VE TALKED--! WE FIGURE YOU'RE THE ONE TO LEAD US-- WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS! BUT, WE'LL HELP YOU WHIP ANY "UNCOOPERATIVE" JERKS INTO LINE!

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO WIN THE BEYONDER'S PRIZE!

YEAH! WITH YOU LEADING US, WE CAN'T LOSE!

THE PRIZE? IS THAT ALL YOU CAN THINK ABOUT?

WE-- WE HAVE SEEN THE POWER TO END AND BEGIN UNIVERSES...AND YOU DWELL ON CHEAP LUST FOR YOUR SELFISH DESIRES?

LISTEN TO DOOM! WE MUST NOT FIGHT! THERE IS MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN WE KNOW! WE MUST PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY...TRY TO COMPREHEND THE--

YOU MEAN WE AREN'T GOING TO FIGHT FOR THE ANSWER TO ALL OUR DREAMS? I WANT A NICE HOUSE AND A YARD, AND LOTS OF FRIENDS, AND MAYBE EVEN A GIRL--! ONE WHO LIKES ME, AND-- OWW!

IGNORE YOUR PETTY DREAMS! TO FIGHT IS TO PROVE WE ARE BUT MICROBES ON A SLIDE! WE MUST TRANSCEND OURSELVES!

WE HAVE A CHANCE TO REACH OUT TO A BEING TO WHOM THE GODS ARE INSECTS! THE KEY TO TOTALITY, TO IMMORTALITY IS NEAR AT HAND...PERHAPS IN OUR GRASP!

LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT-- YOU'RE A WIMP, RIGHT?

SURE! HE SAW THE BIG G GET SLAPPED DOWN, NOW HIS GUTS ARE JELLY!

YOU WOULD STILL BEHAVE AS BACTERIA, RESPONDING TO THE CRUDE STIMULI HE PROFFERS--?

UH... IF THAT MEANS FIGHT, YEAH, I WOULD!

FOOLS!

POWER BOLTS FROM HIS GAUNTLETS--!

THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM AT BAY TILL I AM SAFELY GONE!

I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT THEY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!

IN ALL THE UNIVERSE, THERE IS, PERHAPS, ONE *OTHER*, BESIDES MYSELF, WHO MIGHT COMPREHEND!

THOUGH IT *PAINS* ME, I MUST SEEK OUT AND TAKE COUNSEL WITH MY MOST HATED ENEMY!

I SEE THAT THE BEYONDER HAS EVEN PROVIDED ME WITH THE MEANS TO DO SO!

THE OPERATION OF THIS ALIEN VESSEL IS CHILD'S PLAY TO ONE OF MY INTELLECT!

SO, DOOM THINKS HE IS FREE AND SAFE. FREE TO JOIN OUR FOES, PERHAPS? NOT WHILE *KANG* LIVES!

THIS GUN IS A PRODUCT OF ALIEN SCIENCE YET OPERATING IT IS SIMPLICITY ITSELF TO ONE SUCH AS I!

THOUGH I, KANG, WARLORD OF FUTURE-EARTH MAY WELL BE A DESCENDANT OF DOOM'S, THOUGH HE AND I ARE, IN TRUTH, MUCH *ALIKE*--

--I'LL NOT LET HIM BETRAY US!

AND...

WHAT WAS *THAT?*

A SHIP! A SHIP-- SHOT DOWN!

THAT BLAST WAS LIKE A *NUKE!*

A LARGE CHUNK OF DEBRIS FELL ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY!

LET'S CHECK IT OUT!

SOON...

STORM! IS THE STRAIN TOO MUCH?

NO, PROFESSOR! I CAN SUSTAIN THE WINDS WHICH HOLD YOU AND THE OTHERS ALOFT-- THOUGH I'M CERTAIN THE RIDE IS NOT VERY COMFORTABLE!

WHEEE!

STAY STILL, WEBHEAD! OR I MIGHT DROP YOU!

HOW HUMILIATIN'!

LOOK! IT'S DOCTOR DOOM! HOW COULD HE HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST?

HIS PERSONAL FORCE-FIELD MUST HAVE BEEN WORKING OVER-TIME!

CAP! STAY BACK!

RICHARDS... MUST SPEAK WITH RICHARDS! ONLY HE... MIGHT COMPREHEND...

POWER SO GREAT... IT HUMBLES US! WE ARE ...BACTERIA ...DUST...

DON'T GO NEAR HIM! HE'S DANGEROUS!

NO! HE'S HURT... MAYBE BADLY!

DON'T TRUST HIM! HE'S TREACHEROUS! WE'VE GOT TO SOMEHOW *DISARM* HIM FIRST!

LET *ME* HANDLE THAT! I'M GOING TO ENJOY SLICING HIM OUT OF THAT ARMOR WITH MY CLAWS!

BACK OFF, WOLVERINE!

LET ME HELP YOU, DOOM!

DOOM... NEEDS THE AID ...OF NO MAN!

IS THAT PITY I SEE IN YOUR EYES, CAPTAIN AMERICA? AND YOURS, RICHARDS? PITY YOURSELVES!

I WAS A FOOL TO THINK SUCH AS YOU MIGHT COMPREHEND WHAT ONLY DOOM CAN KNOW!

LOOK OUT--! HE'S GOING TO--

YOU WILL RUE THIS MOMENT! YOU, THE OTHERS, THE BEYONDER ...AND THE UNIVERSE!

SOON, ALL WILL GROVEL AT MY FEET!

MOMENTS LATER...

WHY COULDN'T HE HAVE JUST SAID GOOD-BYE?

HEY, WOLVIE--! WHERE'D YOU GO TO CHARM SCHOOL?

SHUT UP, PUNK, OR I'LL CARVE YOU INTO BRIQUETTES!

HEADS UP! MY RADAR'S PICKING UP BOGIES COMING IN *FAST!*

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

NEXT ISSUE:

FIRST BLOOD!

SON OF ULTRON